

## W C G S - N E W S

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### **NOTICE!! - WCGS MEMBERSHIP DUES**

WCGS members made two significant changes in 1994: Dues for 1995 increased to \$15 for individuals; \$18 for family at same address. The other change is in term of membership, with your membership effective with the month of payment. For longtime members, this will probably make no difference, so long as memberships are paid by 31 January of each year. Memberships will expire at the end of December. For those new members joining after May 1994, membership expiration date is one year later. Please check your mailing label for expiration date.

Make checks payable to WCGS and mail to: Treasurer, P. O. Box 567, Plymouth NC 27962. If your membership expiration date is 12/31/94, you will receive only one more newsletter (January 1995) until memberships are paid.

For members joining at anytime other than the first of each year, back issues of newsletters can be had for 25-cents per photocopied page; back issues of journals will be \$5 each, plus postage at \$1.50 for up to two issues; \$2.00 for three issues.

All members, whose membership expiration date is Dec 1994, should have received, with this mailing, newsletters for the entire year, together with four journals: Winter 1993-94; Spring 1994; Summer 1994; Fall 1994. If you did not receive these publications, please write or call WCGS.

### **DECEMBER MEETING DATE - 18TH AT 3 P.M., LIBRARY WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND/OR RETURNING MEMBERS**

In October, Helen Gautier, 6394 Hwy 17N, Washington, NC 27889; and National Society D.A.R., 1776 D. Street, N.W., Washington DC 20006-5392 became our newest members. Welcome to WCGS! A welcome back, too, to Patricia A. Blend, 855 Adelaide Ave., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

### **MEET YOUR OFFICERS / DIRECTORS**

John Russell Tyson

With the December meeting, Russell will complete his first year as president of WCGS; he has been elected to serve again as president for 1995.

Russell was born 13 June, 1936, the son of John S. and Beatrice Jones Tyson. He graduated from Chocowinity High School (Beaufort County) in May 1955. He is married to the former Janice Boyd (m. 25 Aug 1955); they have three children: Deborah Tyson Donnelly; Stephen Wayne Tyson and Robin Tyson Jackson.

In August 1957, Russell entered the U. S. Army; he served overseas: in Korea 1959-1961; in Vietnam 1969-1969 and in Germany from 1971-74. He received the Bronze Star and the Army Comm. awards for service to his country.

Russell retired in August 1977 at the rank of Sgt. 1st Class and has been Deputy Tax Collector in Beaufort County since 1978.

He is a member of Beaufort County Genealogical Society; Hyde County Historical and Genealogical Society; Martin County Genealogical Society; Craven County Genealogical Society and the North Carolina Genealogical Society.

Both Russell and Janice are diligent genealogical researchers; they are active in the work of their church in Chocowinity. They reside at 342 East 13th Street in Washington (Beaufort Co.), North Carolina.

*The Society extends a hearty thanks to Russell, and to all the other officers of WCGS for their efforts to search out and preserve historical information relative to Washington County and its people.*

### **NOVEMBER MEETING**

A small, but enjoyable, dinner party was held for the November meeting. Members gathered at The Ram Albemarle in Plymouth for a seafood buffet and spent a couple of hours socializing. I do not recall hearing much discussion on ancestors but it was a pleasant way to "get to know you." Thanks, again, to Russell Tyson for planning the event. The threat of Hurricane Gordon probably kept a lot of folks home and those absent missed a treat.

### **PUBLISHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?**

An article by Eve Paludan in the current issue of *Writer's Digest* (p. 22) asks "Is an ISBN Necessary?" "To register a copyright for your book, request "Form TX for Books" from Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress, Washington, DC. Fill out and return the form with two copies of your book and a \$20 check. don't forget to place the copyright symbol or the word *copyright* on the verso page."

The article also states if you want to offer your book in bookstores, you may want to apply for an ISBN (an acronym for International Standard Book Number, a ten-digit number providing booksellers a way of ordering your book from distributors.) You don't have to have an ISBN, but it is recommended you do. ISBN applications can be had from ISBN, 121 Chanlon Rd., New Providence, New Jersey 07974, phone 908/665-5770. There is a one-time service fee of \$115.

When applying for the ISBN, you can also ask for an ABI form for free listing of your book in *Books in Print*.

### **WANTED**

Comments from anyone using genealogical software: *Reunion for Windows* or other programs. Shirleyan Beacham Phelps, P. O. Box 982, Plymouth NC 27962-0982. Will reimburse for sample forms and postage.

### **ANOTHER REMINDER!**

If the expiration date of your membership is December 1994, you will receive only one more issue of WCGS News - the January issue is always mailed to everyone on our membership list. Mail check for either \$15/individual or \$18/family to: WCGS, Attn: Treasurer; P. O. Box 567, Plymouth NC 27962-0567.

**WE WISH EACH OF YOU A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**